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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF TURKS
AND CAICOS -- CZECH CRITICISM OF US MILITARY BASES

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE LANGUAGE WHICH
THE CZECHS ARE SEEKING TO INCLUDE IN THE C-24 SUB-COMMITTEE
ON SMALL TERRITORIES DECISION ON THE TURKS AND CAICOS
ISLANDS CONTAINS TWO ELEMENTS: 1) AN ASSERTION THAT THE US
MILITARY PRESENCE INHIBITS THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY AND 2) AN INJUNCTION AGAINST
THE UK ENTERING INTO ANY BASE AGREEMENTS.

2. LAST YEAR'S LANGUAGE ON THE BASES WAS AS FOLLOWS:
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- "THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REITERATES THE HOPE THAT
THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN THE
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS WILL NOT BE AN INHIBIT-
ING FACTOR IN PERMITTING THE PEOPLE OF THE
TERRITORY TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION".

3. USUN AND UKUN ARE LOBBYING GENTLY TO ENSURE THE CZECH PROPOSAL IS REJECTED. OUR CONTACTS ELICITED THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES:

-- AFGHAN MISOFF NOOR SAID HE CANNOT ACCEPT THE CZECH PROPOSAL AND FAVORS LANGUAGE LIKE LAST YEAR.

-- FIJIAN MISOFF LAL SAID THE SAME.

-- SWEDISH MISOFF HEINEBACK SAID THAT IN SPITE OF HIS GENERAL SUSPICION OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES, HE DOES NOT THINK THAT THE BASES IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS INHIBIT ANY-ODY'S RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND OPPOSES THE CZECH LANGUAGE.

--INDONESIAN MISOFF LOEIS SAID HE OPPOSED THE CZECH LANGUAGE AND WILL SPEAK OUT AGAINST IT.

-- AUSTRALIAN MISOFF (AND SUBCOMMITTEE RAP- PORTEUR) MORRIS IS LEADING THE OPPOSITION TO THE CZECH PROPOSAL WITH THE HELP OF IRANIAN MISOFF ESFANDIARI.

-- CHILEAN MISOFF MONSALVE AGREED THAT THE CZECH LANGUAGE IS UNACCEPTABLE.

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-- UK MISOFF WOODS SAID INDIA WAS ALSO OPPOSED TO THE CZECH PROPOSAL. HE WILL TALK TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

4. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS ENOUGH OPPOSITION TO THE CZECH PROPOSAL TO SEE THAT IT IS REJECTED. WE ANTICIPATE SIMILAR EFFORTS DIRECTED AT THE US MILITARY PRESENCE WHEN THE SUB-COMMITTEE GETS AROUND TO DRAFTING RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ON BERMUDA. LEONARD

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